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Dear Colonel Winchester:

The purpose of this letter is to request that Mr. Harvey Scott, a member of my staff, be permitted access to your files concerning the Air Force accident over Palomares, Spain in January 1966. It is my understanding that some of these files may be classified Critical Nuclear Weapons Design Information and require a "Q" clearance for access. Information concerning Mr. Scott's clearance will be sent to you prior to his arrival. Mr. Scott has been assigned responsibility for the continuation of a cooperation agreement with the Spanish Government to provide funding and guidance for radiological monitoring at the crash site and selected bioassay of persons living in the area. I am hopeful that the information in your possession will provide us with needed background information concerning the initial response and cleanup of the accident site.

I am requesting approval for Mr. Scott to visit your office between July and September 1991 to review these files. Based on the relevant information that is discovered, I would also appreciate approval for him to copy selected documents that would be helpful in pursuing this project.

Sincerely,

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